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ROAD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

SOUTHERN YUN-NAN PROVINCE, CHINA

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT IN SOUTHWEST CHINA WHICH WILL GIVE THE CHINESE INCREASED CAPABILITIES FOR SUPPLY MOVEMENT INTO NORTHERN LAOS.

2. REMARKS:

THE MENG-PENG/MUONG SING, LAOS, ROAD IS SINGLE-LANE, AND NATURAL SURFACE.

THE ROAD EXTENDING SOUTH FROM MANSAN TO 2113N 10143N IS SINGLE-LANE, NATURAL
SURFACE, AND PROBABLY HAS AN ALL-WEATHER
CAPABILITY.

WITHIN CHINA, THE ROAD FROM YUN-CHING-HUNG TO MENG-LA IS THE ONLY ONE SERVING THE CHINA/LAOS BORDER AREA. THIS ROUTE DIVIDES SOUTH OF MENG-LA; ONE BRANCH LEADS WEST TO MENG-PENG AND THE OTHER GOES EAST TO PHONG SALY, LAOS.

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3. LOCATION:

IN YUN-NAN PROVINCE IN SOUTHWEST CHINA.

4. COLLATERAL/COMINT:

NONE.

5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION:

NONE.

6. NEGATION DATE:

NONE.

7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE:

AND AT LEAST 3 KH MISSIONS.

8. DIMENSIONS/SPECIFICATION: NA.

9. MISSION READOUT:

THIS MISSION REVEALS THAT THE ROAD FROM MENGPENG (2126N 10118E) TO MUONG SING, (2111N
10109E) IS BEING IMPROVED. TWO NEWLY COMPLETED
BRIDGES (LOWER LEFT TWO PRINTS) ARE OBSERVED AT
2124N 10120E AND 2121N 10119E. THE ROAD HAS
BEEN WIDENED AND IMPROVED WITHIN CHINA TO APPROXIMATELY THE CHINA/LAOS BORDER.

THE ROAD (LOWER RIGHT PRINT) EXTENDING
SOUTH FROM MAN-SAN (ON THE MENG-LA/PHONG SALY
ROAD) AT 2125N 10140E IS COMPLETE TO 2113N
10143E. AT THIS POINT THE ROAD DIVIDES INTO

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2 ROADS WHICH ARE IN EARLY STAGES OF CONSTRUC-TION. ONE TERMINATES AT APPROXIMATELY 2111N 10142E AND THE OTHER AT APPROXIMATELY 2109N 10145E. THESE TERMINAL POINTS ARE ONE NM NORTHEAST AND 0.7 NM NORTH RESPECTIVELY, OF THE CHINA/LAOS BORDER.

A SINGLE-LANE, NATURAL SURFACE ROAD IS

UNDER CONSTRUCTION (RIGHT-HAND TOP TWO PRINTS)

FROM MENG-PENG NORTHWARD PAST MENG-LA-KA AT

2140N 10117E TO JUNCTION WITH EXISTING ROAD AT

2153N 10121E. THIS ROAD WILL SHORTEN BY APPROXI
MATELY 50 PERCENT THE ROAD DISTANCE FROM MAN
HA-KUO AT 2155N 10116E TO MENG-PENG WHICH NOW

PASSES THROUGH MENG-LA AT 2143N 10134E. AT

LEAST 10 BRIDGES WERE OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUC
TION ALONG THIS NEW ROAD.

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